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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

<submitted electronically>

RE: REBECCA MANNA, Letter of Support regarding nomination to serve on the Rural Health Committee, Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

Dear Ms. Dortch and Commission Nominating Committee Members:

Kalispell Regional Healthcare (KRH) is a private, non-profit, and integrated delivery system that includes a rural referral center and sole community hospital, situated in the iconic Flathead Valley of Northwest Montana and serves a population of more than 180,000 in a service area covering more than 20,000 square miles. KRH is regionally known for its programs in cardiovascular care, oncology, neuroscience and spine care, orthopedics, women's and children's services, and behavioral health and serves patients locally, regionally, from across the state, out of state and across the Canadian border.

KRH was founded in 1910 and throughout our history, the organization has continued to grow and evolve to meet the growth and changing needs of our communities. Today, the health system consists of three hospitals, the Montana Children's Medical Center, more than 30 provider clinics and a host of other healthcare services including a skilled nursing facility, home health, a mental health and substance abuse facility and the nation's first rural helicopter air ambulance service. More than 4,000 physicians, nurses, healthcare professionals and support staff work together to provide patients and their families with patient-centered and integrated medical care.

As President of the organization Rebecca has served as both a volunteer board member to the KRH Foundation and employee for nearly 17 years, I am pleased to submit this letter on her behalf, strongly supporting her nomination to serve on the Rural Health Committee, USAC Board of Directors. She has been deeply engaged in rural and public health initiatives at the local, state, regional and federal levels. Her collaboration has been effective in bringing about positive outcomes for rural Montanans, and she has optimized telecommunications to nurture telemedicine initiatives that transform access to healthcare across our service area, and in rural Montana to improve the quality of healthcare.

As a USAC Board of Director, I believe she will continue to provide effective collaboration and advocacy on behalf of rural and frontier Americans with USAC and the FCC while encouraging effective telehealth partnerships and broadband access to enhance care.

On behalf of her organization, I strongly recommend the nomination of Rebecca Manna to serve on the Rural Health Committee for USAC. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [probertson@krmc.org](mailto:probertson@krmc.org), or by phone at 406-752-1724, if I can provide you with any additional information to support this nomination.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela Robertson  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Kalispell Regional Healthcare